

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Naming of the High School 2005

ITEM NO: 4A

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MEETING: July 13, 2004
ACTION DATE: August 24, 2004

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ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board receive for information the name recommended by the High School 2005 Naming Committee.

KEY POINTS:

- On October 28, 2003 the School Board approved Guidelines for the Naming of Stafford County Public Schools.
- Guidelines #2 and #3 provide for a school naming committee to consist of the new high school Principal, as Chairperson, the School Board member for the district in which the new school is located, the Supervisor for the district, and a representative of the Stafford County Historical Society. (*Guidelines attached*)
- Guideline #4 tasks the school naming committee with providing one preferred name and an alternate to the School Board for approval within forty-five days from the first meeting of the committee. The guideline further provides that "high schools will be named for the street on which the school faces or for the historical or current name of the district or community in which the school is located or after a Stafford County resident of historical significance."
- On June 23, 2004, the 2005 High School Naming Committee, including Jim Stemple, Principal of the 2005 High School, Robert Gibbons, Supervisor for the Rockhill District, Patricia Healy, School Board Member for the Rockhill District and Jane Conner of the Stafford County Historical Society, met to discuss potential names for the 2005 High School.
- The committee recommends **Mountain View High School** as the name for the 2005 High School. No alternate name is recommended. All members of the committee support this recommendation, and the recommendation conforms to the Guidelines for the Naming of Stafford County Public Schools.
- A recommendation for action will be presented at the August 24, 2004 School Board meeting.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: #5 - Provide facilities that promote student learning and community support.

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GUIDELINES FOR THE NAMING OF STAFFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1. When a new school site is purchased or a planning project for a new school is initiated, the school will be referred to by type (Elementary, Middle, High) and year of anticipated completion/opening.
2. Once a Principal is appointed for a new school, the Principal will become Chairman of a committee to name the new school.
3. The committee will include the Principal as Chairman, the School Board member for the district in which the new school will be located, the Supervisor for the district, and a representative of the Stafford Historical Society.
4. The committee will determine a preferred name for the school and one alternate name within forty-five days of the first meeting of the committee based on the following criteria:
 - Elementary schools will be named for the street on which the school faces, the historical or current name of the district or community in which the school is located or after a Stafford County resident of historical significance.
 - Middle Schools will be named for Stafford County Educators who have made significant contributions to Stafford County Schools.
 - High Schools will be named for the street on which the school faces or for the historical or current name of the district or community in which the school is located or after a Stafford County resident of historical significance.
5. School names are often strong symbols of identification for local communities. Therefore the committee should make community consultation an integral part of the naming process.
6. The preferred school name and the alternate school name will be brought before the School Board at the first meeting following the forty-five day committee term.
7. At their discretion, the Stafford County School Board may name any athletic field, special use facility or designated area within a school after a former Stafford County Schools employee or other person of historical importance who has made significant contributions to education in Stafford County.